

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 23, 2007. Proposed amendments are submitted for cancelling Claims 13-15 and 17-19. Upon entry of the proposed amendments, Claims 12 and 16 will be pending.

Applicants appreciate the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner during a November 13, 2006 teleconference to discuss the Section 101 rejection of Claims 16-19. Applicants now incorporate the Examiner-suggested language of a “tangible computer readable medium on which are stored computer readable instructions.” It is Applicants’ understanding that an agreement has been reached with the Examiner that this amendment, which adds no new subject matter and raises no new issues, will overcome the Section 101 rejection. If Applicants’ undersigned representative has misunderstood this agreement, a telephone call to the undersigned’s direct line at **512.617.5533** would be greatly appreciated.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

On page 2 of the present Office Action, Claims 16-19 are rejected for including an intangible medium in a computer software claim. Claim 16 is now amended using Examiner-suggested language, and thus Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

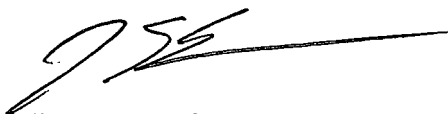
Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has stated that Claims 15 and 19 would be allowed if re-written in independent form, to include all limitations of their respective base and intervening claims. Thus, the present amendment includes the features of Claim 15, as well as intervening claims 13-14, into base claim 12. Similarly, the features of Claim 19, as well as intervening claims 17-18, are now incorporated into base Claim 16.

CONCLUSION

Having complied with the suggestions of the Examiner, Applicants now respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0449**.

Respectfully submitted,



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